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J. J. SIMMONS III NOMINATION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1983

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 11:07 a.m., in room SD-366, Dirksen Office Building, Hon. J. Bennett Johnston presiding.

Present: Senators Johnston, Hecht, and Bradley.

Also present: Charles A. Trabandt, chief counsel; Gary Ellsworth, deputy chief counsel; and D. Michael Harvey, chief counsel for the minority.

OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. J. BENNETT JOHNSTON, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

Senator JOHNSTON. The committee will come to order. In the absence of Senator McClure who is snowed in, today the committee will be conducting a hearing on the nomination of J. J. "Jake" Simmons to be Under Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Simmons has a solid background in both the public and private sector. Upon receiving his graduate degree in geological engineering from the University of St. Louis in 1949, he joined a family oil and gas business where he worked for 13 years.

He spent the next decade working in various positions within the Department of the Interior. In his last public capacity he served as the Administrator of the Oil Import Administration.

Mr. Simmons has served for 12 years as vice president of governmental relations for Amerada Hess before being confirmed by the Senate as a Commissioner of the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1982.

Mr. Simmons' distinguished career, particularly his experience within the Interior Department, makes him eminently qualified for the position of Under Secretary.

I might say from the standpoint of this Senator it is a great pleasure to have Jake Simmons, whom I have known for a long time, and it is going to be very, very helpful to the Department of the Interior, and I consider him to be an outstanding choice for this position.

The competition to introduce Mr. Simmons was very keen. I had applied for and hoped I had received that position until I had to preside up here, so now the distinguished Senator from New Jersey will introduce Mr. Simmons.

STATEMENT OF HON. BILL BRADLEY, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Senator BRADLEY. Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. It sounds to me as if you just introduced Mr. Simmons to the committee.

I think that his career, as you have stated, indicates eminent qualification for Under Secretary of the Interior. I am pleased to endorse heartily his nomination in part because of that outstanding career and because, for a number of years, he was a resident of New Jersey. We claim him as does Oklahoma and a few other places—maybe even Louisiana.

I think that Mr. Simmons will provide a very important ingredient to the policy mix at the Department of the Interior. I think that he has shown time and time again in his career a great balance and a willingness to move among a variety of people, which certainly is essential in Congress. That consultation is very important, and never has it been more important than it is today in this Department of the Interior.

The last year and a half he has been Commissioner of the ICC and prior to that, as you pointed out, he worked for almost 12 years in Amerada Hess in a very important position. Mr. Chairman, I would be pleased to introduce Mr. Simmons to the committee at this time and to urge the committee to give his nomination a hearty endorsement. Feel free to ask any questions, because as both you and I know, Mr. Simmons can answer any question that is thrown at him.

Thank you.

Senator JOHNSTON. Thank you very much. I would like to put in the record at this point statements of David Boren and Don Nickles, Senators from Oklahoma; a statement from Ron de Lugo, Delegate from the U.S. Virgin Islands; and a statement from Robert E. Bates, chairman of the American Association of Blacks in Energy.

[The statements follow:]

STATEMENT OF U.S. SENATOR DAVID L. BOREN IN SUPPORT OF NOMINATION OF J. J. SIMMONS III TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

It is a particular privilege for me to express my strong support for Mr. Simmons' nomination to be Under Secretary of the Interior. I regret that a long-standing previous commitment in Oklahoma prevents my being present to make this statement in person. I was pleased that I could present Mr. Simmons to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation about one year ago in support of his appointment as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the position he now holds.

My friendship and acquaintance with Mr. Simmons goes back three generations. Our grandfathers were friends. In the early period of Oklahoma statehood his grandfather was a pioneer farmer and rancher in the Haskell, Oklahoma, area. His father, the late J. J. Simmons, Jr., and my father were friends. His father was one of the leading businessmen in our state and was internationally known and respected. His oil operation, Exploration and Royalty, not only was in Oklahoma but also on the African continent. His father was the first of his race to be appointed to membership on the National Petroleum Council.

I also have a strong friendship with the nominee's brother, Don, who served on my Judicial Nominating Commission recommending the appointment of federal judges to me. He now serves on the National Petroleum Council and is an outstanding business leader in our state.

Our nominee, as you have undoubtedly seen from his resume, has had a distinguished career. He studied at the University of Detroit, and is a graduate of St. Louis University. Before

becoming a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, he was Vice President of the Amerada Hess Corporation. In that position, he dealt primarily with the impact of federal, state and local regulations on the operations of his company. He served from 1969 to 1970 as Administrator of the Oil Import Administration at the U. S. Department of Interior and earlier served as Assistant Director of the Office of Oil and Gas of the Department. Altogether, he has had some eight years of experience in the Department of Interior which, coupled with his experience in private business and with the Interstate Commerce Commission, should contribute to his effectiveness as Under Secretary of the Department. His service at the Department was recognized with several distinguished service awards and honors. He has written several publications for the Department.

I think Mr. Simmons is exceptionally well qualified for this appointment, and I want to commend the President for making this nomination. He knows the Department. He understands the process. As you can see from his record of accomplishments, he has a very keen intellect. He is a hard worker. As his record demonstrates and as I know from my association with him, he is a person of integrity, objectivity and fairness. He possesses an ideal combination of qualities to commend him to this committee for confirmation to the position of Under Secretary of the Interior. I am happy to recommend this longtime friend to members of this distinguished committee.

David L. Boren,
United States Senator

Statement of Senator Don Nickles
Energy and Natural Resources
February 14, 1983

Nickles

Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend that you confirm President Reagan's nomination of Mr. J.J. Simmons, III as Undersecretary of the Department of Interior.

While Mr. Simmons is presently serving on the Interstate Commerce Commission, he has an outstanding background with the Department of Interior. His career with DOI began in 1961 when Jake Simmons came to Washington from Muskogee, Oklahoma to serve in a number of petroleum-related capacities.

As Regional Defense Oil and Gas Specialist, Jake planned and directed the Emergency Preparedness and Mobilization of the petroleum and natural gas industry in a five-state area. Becoming Domestic Petroleum Production Specialist, he served as an advisor concerned with domestic oil and gas exploration, drilling production, and conservation practices.

Becoming Assistant Director of the Office of Oil and Gas at DOI in 1966, Jake was the principal advisor and consultant to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for Mineral Resources in the formulation of Federal policy as it relates to the adequacy and the proper development of domestic and foreign petroleum and natural gas resources.

As Deputy Administrator and later Administrator of the Oil Import Administration within Interior, Jake became the primary official charged with formulating and developing policy, rules, regulations, and procedures for the control of petroleum product imports into the United States and Puerto Rico; the licensing of importers of such imports and the allocations of amounts of such

imports to the more than two hundred refineries and encouraging and promoting a healthy domestic petroleum industry. In addition, he served as Government Co-Chairman of the National Petroleum Council Committee, "Future Petroleum Provinces of the United States."

In 1970, Jake returned to the private sector where he served as Vice President for Government Relations and Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of the Amerada Hess Corporation until 1982 when he was appointed to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. Chairman, Jake Simmons has proven capabilities in working with the Department of Interior. I believe he will continue to be a strong asset to this Administration and to the interests of our country. I sincerely urge my colleagues to recommend favorably to the Senate the confirmation of Mr. J.J. Simmons, III, to the position of Undersecretary of the Department of the Interior.

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Honorable James A. McClure
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I learned yesterday that Mr. J.J. Simmons III has been selected for the position of Under Secretary of Interior, which has been vacant since Donald Paul Hodel was appointed Secretary of Energy, and I would like to highly commend Mr. Simmons to you and urge you to approve his nomination.

I have known Mr. Simmons personally for many, many years, first when he served previously with the Interior Department, and more closely during the decade he worked as special assistant to Leon Hess, President of Amerada Hess Corporation.

His broad background, his previous tenure at Interior and his expertise in the critical commodity of oil make him an excellent candidate for the position. Of particular significance to the U.S. territories is his first hand knowledge of the economic realities of attracting and establishing industry in the insular areas. This unique qualification alone would lead me to support his candidacy, but it is for his integrity above all that I urge you to approve his nomination.

With best regards,

Ron de Lugo
Member of Congress

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The Honorable James A. McClure
Chairman
Senate Committee on Energy and
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The American Association of Blacks in Energy is pleased to endorse the nomination of J. J. Simmons to be Under Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Simmons has a long and productive career in the energy industry. He is particularly qualified for the position of Under Secretary because of his wide ranging knowledge of our national energy and mineral resources. He is also keenly aware of the demand made by the many disparate sectors of our society on federal policy makers.

The members of the AABE feel especially pleased with his nomination because he was involved in the founding of our association. J. J. Simmons has always been a person to whom we could turn for guidance, information and inspiration in all matters concerning the energy industry.

As the members of your committee deliberate the merits of his nomination it is our hope that you will find, as we have found, that he is a man uniquely qualified to lend balance and reason to the matter of natural resource management.

J. J. Simmons' nomination to be Under Secretary of the Department of Interior is fully endorsed by The American Association of Blacks in Energy.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Bates
Chairman

Officers -
Robert E. Bates, Jr. Chairman | Luddy Hayden First Vice-Chairman | Edgar H. Twine Second Vice-Chairman | Owen H. Davis Treasurer | Melvin S. Hodges Assistant Treasurer | Jeri L. Anderson Secretary | Sheila Jackson-Lee Assistant Secretary

Senator JOHNSTON. Mr. Simmons, if you will raise your right hand and be sworn.

[Whereupon, Mr. J. J. Simmons III was duly sworn by Senator Johnston.]

Senator JOHNSTON. The rules of the committee that apply to all nominees require that you answer certain stock questions.

Will you be available to appear before this committee and other congressional committees to represent departmental positions and respond to issues of concern to the Congress?

Mr. SIMMONS. I will.

Senator JOHNSTON. Your informational statement has been submitted to the committee. However, it is required that this statement be made public unless the committee decides that special circumstances justify an exception.

Do you have any objection to the publication of your informational statement?

Mr. SIMMONS. I have no objection, sir.

Senator JOHNSTON. Are you aware of any personal holdings, investments, or interests that could constitute a conflict of interest or create the appearance of such a conflict should you be confirmed and assume the office to which you have been nominated by the President?

Mr. SIMMONS. There are none, sir.

Senator JOHNSTON. Are you involved or do you have any assets held in blind trust?

Mr. SIMMONS. I have none, sir.

Senator JOHNSTON. If you would like to address the committee, we would be glad to hear from you at this time.

STATEMENT OF J. J. SIMMONS III, NOMINEE TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Mr. SIMMONS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Jake Simmons, and I am privileged and honored to appear before you today as President Reagan's nominee for the position of Under Secretary of the Interior.

I bring to you for your consideration 34 years of varied Government and industry professional experiences in the orderly and proper development of our Nation's petroleum resources.

I was born and reared in Muskogee, Okla.; 112 years ago on December 16, 1870, my great, great grandfather, Cow Tom Jefferson, settled in the vicinity of Fort Gibson, Indian territory, and was host to the Board of Indian Commissioners who made a study of Indian tribes and Indian territory under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior for the President of the United States.

From 1942 to 1944 I attended the University of Detroit and after my service during World War II I received a bachelor of science degree in geological engineering from St. Louis University in 1949. I immediately returned to my native State of Oklahoma to work for the next 12 years as a geologist and petroleum engineer in my family's independent drilling and production company, Simmons Royalty Co.

Associated with my educational and business background, I am a registered professional engineer in the State of Oklahoma and a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the Society of Petroleum Engineers of the AIME.

I began my government career in 1961 and served throughout the Kennedy and Johnson administrations as Assistant Director of the Office of Oil and Gas and as Deputy Administrator, Oil Import Administration at the Department of the Interior. During the Nixon Administration I served as Administrator of the Oil Import Administration. It was during this time that I became closely acquainted with, and a good friend of, the present Secretary of the Interior who was also serving in the Department as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Power.

My service in the Department of the Interior spanned a period of 10 years, beginning in 1961 as regional oil and gas representative in Battle Creek, Mich., and ending as Administrator of the very controversial oil import program in 1970.

In 1970 I returned to the private sector and became vice president for government relations with Amerada Hess Corp. in New York City. It was at this point, Senator Bradley, that I lived in Scotch Plains, N.J. I held this position until early 1982 when I was nominated as Commissioner of the Interstate Commerce Commission by President Reagan. I was confirmed by the Senate on April 1, 1982, and was sworn in on April 27, 1982.

I welcome the opportunity to continue service to my country with this administration in the Department of the Interior. The President and Secretary Watt have assembled an outstanding young team of innovative managers at the Department. I feel that the Secretary's team has brought a collection of individual talents and skills and experiences to government which appear to have melded efficiently and have brought a new dimension and proper balance to the Department's natural resource programs.

I welcome the opportunity to serve under Secretary Watt whom I know to be a capable, courageous, honest, completely dedicated and tireless manager, possessing a strong belief in God and an unquestioned love for his country. I think the Secretary and I share the belief that the Department of the Interior has stewardship responsibility for all of the citizens of the United States.

We believe that the natural resources of the United States must continue to be diligently assessed and made available for wise use, being ever mindful of our environmental and social responsibilities and our Nation's emergency preparedness.

If confirmed, I pledge to work closely with this committee, the full Senate, and the House of Representatives. I will try to the best of my ability to complement the management skills of my Interior colleagues.

Lines of communication will be kept open and my door will always be open to your staffs. Also I will make myself available to you at any time should you have any question or concern about my approach to the responsibilities of the office of the Under Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Senator JOHNSTON. Thank you very much, Mr. Simmons. Will you be playing any role in policymaking for the territories?

Mr. SIMMONS. I will play only any role that the Secretary delegates me to do so, sir.

Senator JOHNSTON. Would there be any problem—I am not suggesting that there would be—but in your mind would there be any problem in respect to policymaking for the Virgin Islands because of your past connection with Amerada Hess?

Mr. SIMMONS. I would not think so, sir.

Senator JOHNSTON. Senator Hecht?

Senator HECHT. No.

Senator JOHNSTON. Senator Bradley?

Senator BRADLEY. No.

Senator JOHNSTON. Well, I would say that you are ahead of the game in this committee so far. Things are looking good.

Mr. SIMMONS. Thank you, sir.

Senator JOHNSTON. Thank you very much, Mr. Simmons. We are delighted to have you. There may be some questions submitted in writing so we will submit those to you.

Mr. SIMMONS. All right.

Senator JOHNSTON. The committee is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 11:22 a.m., the hearing was adjourned.]

APPENDIX

Biography and Informational Statement of J. J. Simmons III

BIOGRAPHY OF
COMMISSIONER J.J. SIMMONS, III

Joseph Jacob Simmons, III, took the oath of office as a Commissioner of the Interstate Commerce Commission on April 27, 1982, having been appointed as a Democratic member of the ICC by President Reagan and confirmed by the Senate on April 1, 1982, for a term ending December 31, 1985.

From 1970 to 1982, Commissioner Simmons was Vice President, Government Relations, with the Amerada Hess Corporation in New York City; from 1969 to 1970, he was Administrator, Oil Import Administration, with the U.S. Department of Interior (Interior) in Washington, D.C.; from 1968 to 1969, he was Deputy Administrator, Oil Import Administration, with Interior; from 1961 to 1968, he was Assistant Director, Office of Oil and Gas, with Interior; and from 1949 to 1961, Commissioner Simmons was Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Geologist, of the Simmons Royalty Company in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Commissioner Simmons attended the University of Detroit from 1942 to 1944 and 1946 to 1947. He also attended the St. Louis University from 1947 to 1949, receiving a B.S. degree in Geological Engineering.

Commissioner Simmons is a Registered Professional Engineer, State of Oklahoma; a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists; the Society of Petroleum Engineers of the AIME, and the Petroleum Exploration Society of New York.

He is married to the former Bernice Miller of Detroit and they have five children. The Simmons' reside in Washington, D.C.

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UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

STATEMENT FOR COMPLETION BY PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

Name: SIMMONS (LAST) JOSEPH (FIRST) JACOB, III (OTHER)

Position to which nominated: Under Secretary of the Interior Date of nomination:

Date of birth: 26 (DAY) March (MONTH) 1925 (YEAR) Place of birth: Muskogee, Oklahoma

Marital status: Married Full name of spouse: Bernice Elizabeth (Miller) Simmons

Name and ages of children: Maj. Jacob Simmons IV (34) Jacolyn A. Simmons (28)
Mary A. Brusick (33) Eva F. Simmons (21)
Bernice E. Garza (31)

Education:

Institution	Dates attended	Degrees received	Dates of degrees
Manual Training High School Muskogee, Oklahoma	1939 - 1942		
University of Detroit	1942 - 1944		
University of Detroit	1946 - 1947		
St. Louis University	1947 - 1949	B.S. Geological Engineering	June 1949

Employment record: List below all positions held since college, including the title and description of job, name of employer, location, and dates.

1982 - Present:
Commissioner
Interstate Commerce Commission
Washington, D. C.

1970 - 1982:
Vice President, Government Relations
Amerada Hess Corporation
New York, New York

Employment Record - continued

1969 - 1970:

Administrator, Oil Import Administrator
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

1968 - 1969:

Deputy Administrator, Oil Import Administrator
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

1966 - 1968:

Assistant Director, Office of Oil and Gas
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

1962 - 1966:

Domestic Petroleum Production Specialist, Office of Oil and Gas
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

1961 - 1962:

Regional Defense Oil and Gas Specialist, Office of Oil and Gas
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

1957 - 1961:

Insurance Executive - Agency Owner
Simmons Insurance Agency
Muskogee, Oklahoma

Employment record—Continued

1949 - 1961:

Vice President, Secretary - Treasurer, Geologist

Simmons Royalty Company

Muskogee, Oklahoma

* A description of each of the above jobs is contained in Exhibit 1.

Military service: Enter all military service if not included above: service, dates, rank, type of discharge.

U. S. Army, 1944 - 1946, T-4

Honorable Discharge

Honors and awards: List below all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, military medals, honorary society memberships, and any other special recognitions for outstanding service or achievement.

The Distinguished Service Honor Award - U. S. Department of the Interior, 1970

Outstanding Performance Award - U. S. Department of the Interior, 1968

Special Act of Service Award - U. S. Department of the Interior, 1963

Alumni Merit Award - St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, 1968

Who's Who in America, 1972 - 1983

Who's Who in World Oil and Gas, 1978 - 1982

Memberships: List below all memberships and offices held in professional, fraternal, business, scholarly, civic, charitable and other organizations.

Organization	Office held (if any)	Dates
American Association of Petroleum Geologists		1958 - Present
Society of Petroleum Engineers of the A.I.M.E.		1964 - Present
Petroleum Exploration Society of New York		1973 - 1982
Registered Professional Engineer State of Oklahoma		1967 - Present
Madonna College- Member, Board of Trustees, Livonia, Mich.		1969 - 1976
United Way of Tri-State New York, New York	AHC Corporate Chairman	1972 - 1982
U.S. Savings Bond New York, New York	AHC Corporate Chairman	1974 - 1982

Published writings: List the titles, publishers and dates of any books, articles, or reports you have written.

"A Petrographic Study of Sediments from Excavations in St. Louis," St. Louis University Press, 1949.

"Plain Facts About Oil," United States Department of the Interior, Government Printing Office, 1963.

"Vulnerability of Natural Gas Utility Systems to Nuclear Attack," San Jose, California, United States Department of the Interior, 1967.

"Vulnerability of Natural Gas Utility Systems to Nuclear Attack," Alberquerque, New Mexico, United States Department of the Interior, 1968.

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Qualifications: State fully your qualifications to serve in the position to which you have been named.

(attach sheet) See Exhibit 1.

Future employment relationships:

1. Indicate whether you will sever all connections with your present employer, business firm, association or organization if you are confirmed by the Senate.

I will submit a letter to the President resigning from the Interstate Commerce Commission.

2. As far as can be foreseen, state whether you have any plans after completing government service to resume employment, affiliation or practice with your current or any previous employer, business firm, association or organization.

I have no such plans.

3. Has anybody made you a commitment to a job after you leave government?

No.

4. (a) If you have been appointed for a fixed term, do you expect to serve the full term?

Not applicable.

(b) If you have been appointed for an indefinite term, do you have any known limitations on your willingness or ability to serve for the foreseeable future?

No.

Potential conflicts of interest:

1. Describe any financial arrangements or deferred compensation agreements or other continuing dealings with business associates, clients or customers who will be affected by policies which you will influence in the position to which you have been nominated.

None.

2. List any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which might involve potential conflicts of interest with the position to which you have been nominated.

None. I have disposed of all investments.

3. Describe any business relationship, dealing or financial transaction (other than tax-paying) which you have had during the last 10 years with the Federal Government, whether for yourself or relatives, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that might in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest with the position to which you have been nominated.

None.

4. List and describe any lobbying activity during the past 10 years in which you have engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat or modification of any legislation at the national level of government or for the purpose of affecting the administration and execution of national law or public policy.

None.

5. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest that may be disclosed by your responses to the above items.

I will abide by the directives and wishes of the Senate.

6. Explain how you will comply with conflict of interest laws and regulations applicable to the position for which you have been nominated. Attach a statement from the appropriate agency official indicating what those laws and regulations are and how you will comply with them.

If confirmed, it is my intention, during my tenure as Under Secretary, not to make any investments directly or indirectly which may involve actual or potential conflict of interest, or even the appearance of conflict of interest, with my official duties.

Financial statement:

1. Attach a copy of your Executive Personnel Financial Disclosure Report (SF 278).

2. List sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services and firm memberships or from former employers, clients, and customers. Amounts should be indicated by the categories established for reporting income on Form SF 278, Schedule A.

Currently receive $542.29 per month from vested interest in Amerada Hess Employee Pension Plan which is administered by the Equitable Assurance Society of the United States.

3. Are any assets pledged? (Add schedule.)

No.

4. Are you currently a party to any legal action?

No.

5. Have you ever declared bankruptcy?

No.

6. Have you filed a Federal income tax return for each of the last 10 years? If not, please explain.

Yes.

7. Has the Internal Revenue Service ever audited your Federal tax return? If so, what resulted from the audit?

Yes. I believe it was in 1956 and 1964. I verified my interest and tax deductions in both instances.

Exhibit 1

J. J. SIMMONS, III

QUALIFICATIONS

I. GENERAL

Date of Birth: March 26, 1925

Place of Birth: Muskogee, Oklahoma

Marital Status: Married to Bernice Miller of Detroit, Michigan -- Five children

Home Address: 2736 Unicorn Lane, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20015

II. EDUCATION

University of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan, 1942-44; 1946-47, Civil Engineering

St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, 1947-49, B.S. Geological Engineering

Special Training

Four intensive training seminars in Civil Defense, Industry Defense and Mobilization and Defense Petroleum Indoctrination under auspices of Department of Defense, Atlantic Refining Company, Sinclair Refining Company and Sun Oil Company, 1961-62.

Special Studies

"A Petrographic Study of Sediments from Excavations in St. Louis," St. Louis University Press, 1949.

III. PERTINENT WORK EXPERIENCE

April 27, 1982 to Present:

Commissioner
Interstate Commerce Commission
Washington, D. C.

One of six Commissioners appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate to government's oldest independent regulatory agency responsible for regulating all interstate surface transportation within the United States. The Commission holds jurisdiction over 20,000 for-hire companies including railroads, trucking companies, bus lines, water carriers, coal slurry pipelines, freight forwarders, and transportation brokers.

1970 to 1982:

Vice President - Assistant to the Chairman of the Board
Amerada Hess Corporation
New York, New York

As Vice President for Government Relations, served as principal advisor to the President and Chairman of the Board on all Federal, State, County and Municipal policy and regulation changes that affected the operations of the Corporation. Served as principal liaison to all Federal Departments, Independent Agencies, and Commissions which exercised authority and regulation over the activities of the petroleum industry. Served on special assignments as advance liaison to Ministries of foreign governments for the purpose of negotiating crude oil purchases and concessions.

1969 to 1970:

Administrator - Oil Import Administration
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Acting for the Secretary of the Interior, formulated and developed policy, rules, regulations and procedures for the control of petroleum product imports into the United States and Puerto Rico; the licensing of importers of such imports and the allocations of amounts of such imports to the more than two hundred refineries and petrochemical plants, all in the interest of national security, encouraging and promoting a healthy domestic petroleum industry. Administratively directed the activities of the Deputy Administrator and three Assistant Administrators of the Oil Import Administration. Supervised and directed the activities of an engineering research team which determined the nuclear vulnerability of natural gas utility systems in the United States. Served as Government Co-Chairman of the National Petroleum Council Committee, "Future Petroleum Provinces of the United States."

1968 to 1969:

Deputy Administrator - Oil Import Administration
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Acting for and in the absence of the Administrator, formulated and developed policy, rules, regulations and procedures for the control of petroleum and petroleum product imports into the United States and Puerto Rico; the licensing of importers of such imports and the allocations of amounts of such imports to the more than two hundred refineries and petrochemical plants, all in the interest of national security, encouraging and promoting a healthy domestic petroleum industry. Administratively directed the activities of three Assistant Administrators of the Oil Import Administration.

1966 to 1968:

Assistant Director - Office of Oil and Gas
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Served as principal advisor and consultant to the Secretary of the Interior and the Assistant Secretary of Mineral Resources in the formulation of Federal policy as it related to the adequacy and the proper development of domestic and foreign petroleum and natural gas resources. Provided guidance to the Secretary on the conservation of petroleum and gas resources, Federal land utilization, depletion, tax laws, factors affecting oil import regulations and similar programs related to the maintenance of sound domestic and international petroleum policies for this Nation. Supervised the following resource divisions of the Office of Oil and Gas: Foreign Division, Domestic Division, Natural Gas Division and the Federal Power Commission Liaison. Assigned as Executive Secretary of the Emergency Advisory Committee for Natural Gas and as Government Co-Chairman of National Petroleum Council Committees dealing with petroleum and natural gas resources.

1962 to 1966:

Domestic Petroleum Production Specialist
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Under the general supervision of the Assistant Secretary for Mineral Resources, I served in an advisory capacity for the Secretary on all technical matters and policy decisions concerned with domestic oil and gas exploration, drilling, production and conservation practices. Represented the Department as Chairman, Government Co-Chairman and petroleum production advisor on various Federal, state and industry advisory committees. Directed the preparation of reports on present and potential production and productive capacity of crude petroleum and natural gas in thirty-three states, necessary to meet civilian, industrial and military requirements under peacetime, emergency and wartime conditions. Conferred with various state officials up to and including governors and with industry personnel up to and including chairman of the board of companies as well as executives of most oil and gas industry trade associations on all petroleum problems.

1961 to 1962:

Regional Defense Oil and Gas Specialist
U.S. Department of the Interior
Battle Creek, Michigan

In cooperation with the Executive Office of the President, I planned and directed the Emergency Preparedness and Mobilization of the petroleum and natural gas industry (production, refining, pipeline, transportation and storage facilities), in the five-state area of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Conferred frequently with the governors of each state and their emergency organizations and the top echelon industry executives in order to implement plans and establish a permanent petroleum preparedness organization in each state.

1957 to 1961:

Insurance Executive - Agency Owner
Simmons Insurance Agency
Muskogee, Oklahoma

Under my direct administrative supervision, this small independent insurance agency grew from an annual gross of $7,500 in premiums in the first year's operations (1957) to $73,000 annual gross premiums in 1960 (the last complete year of operation). I supervised the day-to-day operations of this agency, its two clerical and administrative assistants and a full-time soliciting agent. This agency wrote policies on the entire property and casualty lines including full-coverage automobile, fire, theft, burglary, workmen's compensation, packaged home-owners and comprehensive policies on all types of industrial and residential properties. These operations frequently required that I conduct high-level personal conferences with regional representatives up to and including vice presidents of the six large old-line companies we represented, especially when policies were written covering large projects (housing developments, industrial facilities, etc.).

1949 to 1961:

Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Geologist
Simmons Royalty Company
Muskogee, Oklahoma

In collaboration with company president, formulated all company policy with regard to company administration, oil exploration, purchasing leases and royalties, drilling and oil production. As Secretary-Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors, my responsibility was to annually call a stockholder's meeting and submit complete reports and financial statements as to the company's complete operations and future plans; prepared geological and engineering reports including recommendations to develop or reject prospective areas. Compiled preliminary geological report on oil and mineral possibilities of Liberia, West Africa, after an extensive tour.

January 28, 1983

Mr. David R. Scott
Acting Director, Office of Government
Ethics
Office of Personnel Management
1900 E Street, N.W., Room 4316H
Washington, D.C. 20415

Dear Mr. Scott:

In accordance with 5 CFR §734.604(a), I have reviewed and signed the financial statement submitted by Mr. Simmons.

Our Department regulations at 43 CFR §20.735-24 extend the statutory prohibitions of 43 U.S.C. 5511 and 31(a) to the Under Secretary and to other Secretarial officers. Under these statutes, a financial interest in Amerada Hess Corporation is prohibited since the company conducts mineral extraction activities on Federal lands leased from the Department of the Interior. Mr. Simmons' statement indicates that all financial interests he has in Amerada Hess Corporation, that are subject to these prohibitions, will be sold prior to Senate confirmation.

Mr. Simmons is currently in the position of Commissioner, Interstate Commerce Commission. He has filled in Schedule B which is not normally required for new entrants. However, Schedule B shows that Mr. Simmons exercised his Amerada Hess stock bonus plan and it shows when the stock was sold. Since this holding would be prohibited for the Under Secretary position, this record of sale is important and we recommend that Schedule B be retained.

Mr. Simmons also reports that mineral leases and royalties he holds will be sold prior to Senate Confirmation. These leases and royalties are not associated in any way with Federal lands and the decision to sell them is not based on any prohibitions that will apply to Mr. Simmons as Under Secretary for our Department.

My review of the other financial securities and interests revealed no other problems with any applicable conflict of interest statutes and regulations. Please call me at 343-5916 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gabriele J. Paone

Gabriele J. Paone
Acting Designated Agency
Ethics Official

Enclosure

cc:
Mr. Simmons
Mr. Shipley
Mr. Hite

United States of America
Office of Government Ethics

Office of Personnel Management
Washington, D.C. 20415

Honorable James A. McClure
Chairman, Committee on Energy
and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, I enclose a copy of the financial disclosure report filed by Joseph J. Simmons III, who has been nominated by President Reagan for the position of Under Secretary, Department of Interior.

We have reviewed the report and have also obtained advice from the Department of Interior concerning any possible conflict in light of the Department's functions and the nominee's proposed duties. Mr. Simmons has stated that he will dispose of all of his financial interests in the Amerada Hess Corporation and in the mineral leases and royalties prior to confirmation.

Based on the foregoing, we believe that Mr. Simmons is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations governing conflicts of interest.

Sincerely,

David R. Scott
Acting Director

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

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Form Approved
OMB No. 3209-0001

Reporting Status (Check Appropriate Box)			NOTE
☒ Incumbent	☒ New Entrant, Nominee, or Candidate	☐ Termination Report	All schedules must be filed. Enter "None" in areas or across schedules where appropriate.

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Date of Filing (Month, Day, Year)	
December 31, 1982	JAN 31 1983

	Last Name	First Name and Middle Initial	Date of Appointment, Candidacy, Election or Nomination (Mo., Day, Yr.)	Termination Date (If Applicable) (Month, Day, Year)
Reporting Individual's Name	SIMMONS	JOSEPH J. III		
Position for Which Filing	Title of Position: UNDER SECRETARY	Department or Agency (If Applicable): DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR		
Location of Present Office	Address (Number, Street, City, State and Zip Code): 12TH & CONSTITUTION AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20423		Room Number: 5221	Telephone No. (Include Area Code): 202-275-7196

Presidential Nominees Subject to Senate Confirmation	Name of Congressional Committee Considering Nomination	Do You Intend to Create a Qualified Diversified Trust?
	SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES	☐ Yes ☒ No

Position(s) Held With the Federal Government During the Preceding 12 Months (If Not Same as Above)	Title of Position(s) and Date(s) Held
	COMMISSIONER, INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, APRIL 1982 - PRESENT

Certification	Signature of Reporting Individual	Date (Month, Day, Year)
I CERTIFY that the statements I have made on this form and all attached schedules are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.	J. J. Simmons III	December 31, 1982

Agency Ethics Official's Opinion	Signature of Designated Agency Ethics Official/Reviewing Official	Date (Month, Day, Year)
The information contained in this report discloses no conflict of interest under applicable law and regulation.	Gabriele J. Paone (acting) Designated Agency Ethics Official	JAN 28 1983
Office of Government Ethics Use Only	Signature: David A Scott	Date (Month, Day, Year): 2/4/83

Comments of Reviewing Officials (If additional space is required, use the reverse side of this sheet)

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INCOME AND INTERESTS IN PROPERTY

This schedule is applicable in the case of all reporting individuals

	Yes	No
Do you, your spouse, or dependent child receive income from, or have a beneficial interest in a trust?		✓
If "yes", have you reported the income from the trust?		
If "yes", have you reported the assets of the trust?		
If "yes", is this trust an "excepted" trust? ... or "qualified" trust?		

	Yes	No
Are there any interests in property, purchases, sales, or exchanges, or liabilities of a spouse or dependent child which you have not reported?		✓
If "Yes," do you certify to all of the following? 1. They represent solely your spouse's or dependent child's financial interest or responsibility; 2. They are not, in any way, past or present, derived from your income, assets, or activities; 3. You neither derive, nor expect to derive, any financial or economic benefit from them; and 4. You do not have knowledge as to the composition of such interest or liabilities.		

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Spouse (S) or Dependent Child (DC)	Identification	Income: Type of Income (✓)							Income: Category of Amount or Value (✓)										Interests in Property: Valuation of Assets (✓)							
		Dividends	Rent	Interest	Capital Gains	Excepted Trust	Qualified Trust	Other (Specify)	None (or less than $201)	$201-$1,000	$1,001-$2,500	$2,501-$5,000	$5,001-$15,000	$15,001-$50,000	$50,001-$100,000	Over $100,000	Actual Amount Only if "Other" Specified	Date (Mo., Day, Yr.) Only if Honoraria	Valuation Method	$1,001-$15,000	$15,001-$50,000	$50,001-$100,000	$100,001-$250,000	$250,001-$500,000	$500,001-$1,000,000	Over $1,000,000
	AMERADA HESS CORP.							SALARY									126,000									
	AHC COMMON STOCK*	✓									✓								H		✓					
	AHC SAVINGS & STOCK BONUS PLAN							SALE OF STOCK									38,000									
	AHC STOCK OPTION PLAN							EXERCISE & SALE OF STOCK									168,731									
	MHT CHECKING ACCOUNT		✓							✓									H	✓						
	MHT MONEY MANAGER ACCOUNT		✓								✓								H				✓			
	MINERAL LEASES & ROYALTIES*																		A					✓		
	EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (VESTED INTEREST) ADMINISTERED BY EQUITABLE LIFE											✓					$200 per month from Equitable Life.									
	U.S. SAVINGS BONDS																Amerada Hess was able contribute to Pension Plan.		A	✓						
	MHT IRA																OK from DP-4pp1		A	✓						
	*To be sold prior to Senate Confirmation																									
	(MHT is Manufacturer's Hanover Trust Bank)																									

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PURCHASES, SALES, AND EXCHANGES

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Report Applicable Transactions, Even If Also Reported on Schedule A

S or DC	Identification of Property (real and personal)	Type of Transaction			Date (Month, Day, Year)		Category of Amount or Value (✓)					
		Purchase	Sale	Exchange	Purchase	Sale or Exchange	$1,001 to $5,000	$5,001 to $15,000	$15,001 to $50,000	$50,001 to $100,000	$100,001 to $250,000	Over $250,000
	AHC SAVINGS & STOCK BONUS PLAN (Common Stock)		X			6/15/82				✓		
	AHC STOCK OPTION PLAN (Common Stock)	X			7/23/82					✓		
	AHC STOCK OPTION PLAN (Common Stock)		X			9/2/82				✓		
	AHC STOCK OPTION PLAN (Common Stock)		X			10/28/82					✓	

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GIFTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

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I. Lodging, Transportation, Food and Entertainment—*List each source totaling $250 or more in value*

S or JC	Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description	Value
	NONE		

II—All Other Gifts—*List each source totaling $100 or more in value*

S or JC	Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description	Value
	NONE		

III. Reimbursements—*List each source totaling $250 or more in value*

S	Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description	Value
	NONE		

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LIABILITIES This schedule, except as noted for the third section, is applicable in the case of all reporting individuals.

Reporting Individual's Name	Agency Use Only	Page Number		Schedule
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S or DC	Name and Address of Creditor	Type of Liability (e.g., promissory note, margin account) Give date, interest rate and, if applicable, term	Category of Amount or Value (✓) $10,001 to $15,000	$15,001 to $50,000	$50,001 to $100,000	$100,001 to $250,000	Over $250,000
	NONE						

POSITIONS HELD

Name and Address of Organization	Type of Organization	Position Held	From (Mo., Yr.)	To (Mo., Yr.)
AMERADA HESS CORP., NEW YORK, N.Y. 10036	PETROLEUM COMPANY	VICE PRESIDENT	AUG. 1970	APRIL 1982
INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION	U.S. GOVERNMENT	COMMISSIONER	APR. 1982	PRESENT

COMPENSATION IN EXCESS OF $5,000 PAID BY ONE SOURCE This section is applicable only in the case of nominees and new entrants.

Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description of Duties
AMERADA HESS CORP., NEW YORK, N.Y. 10036	VICE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER EMPLOYERS

Description of Terms of Any Agreement or Arrangement	Parties	Date (Mo., Day, Yr.)
Vested interest in Employee Pension Plan of Amerada Hess; plan is administered by Equitable Life		

AFFIDAVIT

City of Washington
District of Columbia) ss

Joseph Jacob Simmons, III being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement for Completion by Presidential Nominees including the Financial Statement and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, current, accurate, and complete.

J.J. Simmons III

Subscribe and sworn before me this 31st day of January ,19 83

Notary Public

My Commission Expires Feb. 28, 1983